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SUBJECT: MISS LILLIAN'S VISIT TO THE SAHEL

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1. EMBASSY WARMLY WELCOMES MISS LILLIAN'S VISIT TO PARIS JULY 18-20. PARA 5 OF REFTEL REQUESTS THE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE BILATERAL PORTIONS OF THE VISIT, RECOGNIZING THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE PARIS STOP IS TO VISIT THE CLUB DU SAHEL OFFICES AT OECD HEADQUARTERS. WE ARE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH U.S. MISSION OECD TO ASSURE COORDINATION OF SUGGESTIONS AND LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THEM WITH THE ADVANCE TEAM.

2. MEANWHILE, WE ARE CONTACTING THE ELYSEE PALACE AND THE MINISTRY OF COOPERATION INFORMALLY TO ADVISE THEM OF MISS LILLIAN'S VISIT. DEPENDING ON THE AVAILABLE TIMES, MISS LILLIAN MIGHT WISH TO MEET WITH SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH THE PROBLEM OF FOOD PRODUCTION IN THE SAHEL. THIS WOULD NORMALLY BE ARRANGED THROUGH THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION, ROBERT GALLEY, AND HIS STAFF. IN ADDITION, MISS LILLIAN MIGHT

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WISH TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SPECIFIC FRENCH ORGANIZATIONS, FOR EXAMPLE, VOLONTAIRES DU PROGRES (THE FRENCH EQUIVALENT OF THE PEACE CORPS). ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE A VISIT TO A FIELD RESEARCH, TRAINING OR EXPERIMENTAL CENTER WHICH CONDUCTS PRINCIPAL FRENCH SUPPORT FOR FIELD ACTIVITIES IN THE SAHEL FOR A SPECIFIC SECTOR, E.G., FORESTRY RESEARCH,

HEALTH TRAINING AND RESEARCH.

3. PLEASE NOTE THAT ADVANCE TEAM'S SCHEDULE PROVIDES
FOR ARRIVAL ON SUNDAY, JULY 2 AND DEPARTURE ON MONDAY
AT NOON. THIS LEAVES VERY LITTLE TIME FOR CONTACT WITH
FRENCH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IF DESIRED BY THE ADVANCE
TEAM.

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